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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator

RE: Government Center: Disposition Price of GSA Building

The September 13, 1961 agreement between the BRA and GSA on the Federal Office Building site provides that the BRA will be paid part in cash and part in land.

The land in the Back Bay would have been acquired by the BRA and sold under special auction and in addition to that a cash payment of \$450,000 would be made.

GSA then indicated to us informally that they would be willing to change to a straight cash proposition. We had no objection. I indicated this procedure had certain advantages and encouraged them to request a formal change.

As a result, on October 30, 1962 Mr. Boutin, the General Services Administrator, wrote Monsignor Lally formally proposing the straight cash purchase. A copy of the letter of October 30 is attached and a vote authorizing the Chairman to countersign the letter.



VOTED: that the Chairman be authorized to countersign  
the October 30, 1962 letter from Bernard L.  
Boutin, General Services Administrator,  
attached to the Development Administrator's  
memorandum of November 14, 1962.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Washington 25, D. C.

October 30, 1962

The Right Reverend Monsignor  
Francis J. Lally  
Chairman, Boston Redevelopment Authority  
73 Tremont Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Right Reverend Monsignor

Reference is made to the letter of October 26, 1962, from Mr. Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, to Mr. Paul Healy, Regional Director of our Public Buildings Service in Boston, concerning the acquisition by GSA of a site for the proposed Federal Office Building in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Logue's letter proposes that payment by the United States for the site be made in cash in the amount of \$1,200,000, rather than having such payment made partly in cash and partly by conveyance to the Redevelopment Authority of certain land now owned by the Federal Government. The understandings previously reached concerning the site for the proposed Federal Office Building are set forth in the letter of September 13, 1961, from the Administrator of General Services to the Chairman of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, agreed to by the Chairman on September 26, 1961.

The proposal of the Authority that payment be made entirely in cash is satisfactory to GSA. In order to reflect this change, the paragraph numbered 2 of the aforesaid letter of September 13, 1961, is amended to read as follows:

"2. The Redevelopment Authority shall acquire the Federal Site at its expense and convey it to the United States in fee simple, and the United States shall pay to the Boston Redevelopment Authority one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) for said site. Payment, conveyance of title, and delivery of possession shall be made simultaneously. Title to the Federal Site to be conveyed to



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the United States shall be satisfactory to the Attorney General of the United States, and all title and other costs incident to conveying satisfactory title to the United States shall be at the expense of the Boston Redevelopment Authority."

If the foregoing is acceptable to you, will you please so indicate in the space provided on the enclosed copy of this letter and return the signed copy to this office?

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin

BERNARD L. BOUTIN  
Administrator

